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Green Party of Michigan
Application for Recognition from the Federal Election Commission
As a State Political Party Committee

TO: Federal Elections Commission
999 E St., NW
Washington, DC 20463

FROM: Green Party of Michigan
548 S. Main St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

DATE: 06/20/02

RE: Request for Recognition of Green Party of Michigan as a State Political Party Committee

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The Green Party of Michigan hereby requests from the Federal Elections Commission formal recognition as a state committee of the Green Party. Attached to this memorandum is an appendix with documents to support our application.

We are a state affiliate of the Green Party of the United States, formerly the Association of State Green Parties. We have a signed affiliation agreement, of which the FEC has acknowledged being in receipt in the FEC's AO granting national political party committee status to the G.P.U.S. (AO 2001-13, November 8, 2001, fn. 7).

In AO 2001-2, February 15, 2001, the FEC indicated that an element of state political party status is having at least one federal candidate that raises at least \$5,000. The following Green Party of Michigan Federal Candidates raised more than \$5,000 or more for the November 2000 election. Their respective FEC candidate and campaign committee numbers are included:

- President: Ralph Nader: ID: P20000527
Nader 2000 Primary Committee, Inc.: ID: C00355222
- Senate: Matthew R. Abel: ID: S0MI00155
Abel for Senate: ID: C00361261
- Congress, 4th Dist.: Alan Joseph Gamble: ID: H0MI04066
Gamble for Congress Committee: ID: C00358192
- Congress, 12th Dist.: Thomas Patrick Ness: ID: H0MI12093
Ness for Congress: ID: C00360339

The FEC acknowledges being in receipt of our federal candidates' letters of affiliation/support in AO 2001-13, November 8, 2001, fn. 7.

In AO 2001-6, May 7, 2001, the FEC indicated that ballot access is a requirement for recognition as a state political party committee. We are recognized as a state party in Michigan. We obtained ballot status with the State of Michigan for the November 2000 elections. Our recognition of ballot access from the Michigan Secretary of State is Ex. A. Also attached is the Secretary of State's letter of recognition of our State Central Committee under Michigan's Campaign Finance Act (Ex. B). We have a state party office at 548 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104.

In AR 2001-2, February 15, 2001, the FEC indicated that an applicant must prove that it is responsible for the day-to-day functions and operations of the state political party. The Green Party of Michigan has a well-developed party structure. In addition to the 28-member State Central Committee, we have the following elected statewide officers: Treasurer, Clearinghouse Coordinator, Committee Manager, Recordkeeper, Locals Liaison, and Party Manager. We have by-laws (Ex. C) and a state platform (Ex. D). We hold statewide meetings on a quarterly basis; attached are the minutes from the previous two (Ex. E).

Our communications structure includes a statewide newspaper, Amber Waves of Green. This is published quarterly, and distributed at quarterly meetings, as well as locally on college campuses, coffee houses, food co-operatives, and other public venues. Enclosed are the two most recent copies (Ex. F). We also have a statewide email discussion forum, and a monthly email update that has a subscription of over 300 individuals. Our website can be found at <http://www.migreens.org>.

We have at this point 23 locals geographically dispersed throughout the state. Our list of locals is Ex. G. They are coordinated by a Locals Liaison. The total membership of the state party at this point is 587 dues paying members. Dues are \$20 annually, with special low-income dues of \$5 annually. We also have public outreach offices in Kalamazoo and in Ferndale, known as "Green Houses." Attached is some publicity material from the Green House in Ferndale (Ex. H).

Also attached are acknowledgements of affiliation from the Green Party of the United States (Ex. I) and at least one of our federal candidates from the 2000 election (Ex. J).

Our financial structure consists of a bank account with the Bank of Ann Arbor. Our account number is 0100010898, and the current level of funds in the account is \$1357.42

Please feel free to contact Green Party of Michigan Chair Marc Reichardt at 734-668-9628 or dystopia@wwnet.com if you have any further questions about this application.

Sincerely,



Marc Reichardt,
Chair, Green Party of Michigan



CANDICE S. MILLER, Secretary of State
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

NEW POLITICAL PARTY PETITION FILING

Date: July 20, 2000
Filer: Green Party of Michigan
548 South Main St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

This acknowledges the receipt of:

- 4 boxes of petitions to qualify the Green Party of Michigan for a position on Michigan's November 7, 2000 general election ballot.
- Party vignette.
- Party name certificate.

Candice S. Miller

I agree that the foregoing is a correct count of the number of boxes of petition sheets that I am filing with the Secretary of State. The estimated number of petition sheets being filed is 7,000 - 8,000. The estimated number of petition signatures being filed is 52,500.

Craig A. Hany
Signature of person filing petition

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May 06, 2002

Political Party Status

August 6, 2002 Primary November 5, 2002 General Election

I. Qualified to Nominate Candidates by Direct Primary Method

The following political parties qualified to appear on Michigan's August 6, 2002 primary ballot by virtue of the number of votes received by the party's principal candidate at the November 7, 2000 general election. (Principal candidate must have received 5% or more of the total number of votes cast for the office of Secretary of State. Computes to 151,845 votes. See MCL 168.532.)

A. Republican Party of Michigan

2121 East Grand River
Lansing, Michigan 48912
Rusty Hills, Chairperson
Phone: (517) 487-5413
Fax: (517) 487-0090
Principal candidate: George W. Bush (President - 1,953,139 votes)

B. Democratic Party of Michigan

606 Townsend
Lansing, Michigan 48933
Mark Brewer, Chairperson
Phone: (517) 371-5410
Fax: (517) 371-2058
Principal candidate: Al Gore (President - 2,170,418 votes)

II. Qualified to Nominate by Caucus or Convention: Ballot Status Retained After 2000 General Election

The following political parties qualified to appear on Michigan's November 5, 2002 general election ballot by virtue of the number of votes received by the party's principal candidate at the November 7, 2000 general election. (Principal candidate must have received 1% or more of the total number of votes cast for the successful candidate for the office of Secretary of State. Computes to 20,555 votes. See MCL 168.685(6); 168.686a).

A. Green Party of Michigan

548 South Main
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104
Craig A. Harvey, Party Coordinator
Phone: (734) 971-8576
Principal candidate: Ralph Nader (President - 84,165 votes)

B. Reform Party

Principal candidate: Mark Forton (U.S. Senator - 26,274 votes)

III. Qualified to Nominate by Caucus or Convention: Ballot Status Gained Through the Submission of a "New Political Party" Petition

The following political parties qualified to appear on Michigan's November 5, 2002 general election ballot by filing a "new political party" petition. (30,272 signatures required. Signature requirement based on 1% of total vote cast for the office of Governor. See MCL 168.685.)

None at this date.

IV. Seeking Ballot Status

A political party listed below will gain the right to appear on Michigan's November 5, 2002 general election ballot if the party files a "new political party" petition containing at least 30,272 valid signatures



STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION
FOR POLITICAL PARTY COMMITTEE

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY. AN AMENDMENT TO THIS FORM MUST BE FILED IF INFORMATION ON THE FORM CHANGES. SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE FOR UPDATING PROCEDURES.

1. Committee Identification No. 508438-9		3. Type of Filing 3a. <input type="checkbox"/> Original 3b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment to Item(s) _____ 3c. Date Change(s) Took Place Month: <u>4</u> Day: <u>16</u> Year: <u>01</u>	
2. Full Name of Committee Green Party of Michigan Committee		DEPARTMENT OF STATE 01 APR 26 AM 10:36 BUREAU OF ELECTIONS RECEIVED	
4. Committee Mailing Address (May be P.O. Box)		5. Committee Street Address (May <u>not</u> be P. O. Box)	
6. Full Name and Mailing Address of Committee Treasurer Reichardt Marc A. 103 Highlake Last Name First Name M.I. Street Address or P. O. Box Ann Arbor MI 48103 (734) 668-9628 City Zip Code Area Code and Phone Number Driver License # (Optional)			
7a. Date Committee Was Formed: Mo. Day Year _____ Committee Area Code and Phone Number: _____			
8. Type of Committee (Check one box) <input type="checkbox"/> County Political Party Committee Name of County _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Congressional District Political Party Committee District Number _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Central Political Party Committee			
9. Designated Recordkeeper. Name and mailing address of the person (other than the treasurer) who will be responsible for the committee's records and Campaign Statements. If committee treasurer will personally handle these responsibilities, leave this item blank. Last Name First Name M.I. Street Address or P. O. Box City Zip Code Area Code and Phone Number Driver License # (Optional)			
10. <input type="checkbox"/> REPORTING WAIVER The committee does NOT expect to receive or expend in excess of \$1,000.00 in a calendar year. The Reporting Waiver will be automatically lost if the committee exceeds the \$1,000.00 threshold. Direct and in-kind contributions, expenditures, loans and outstanding debt count against the \$1,000.00 Reporting Waiver threshold. Funds left over from one calendar year count toward the amount received for the next calendar year. If a request for a Reporting Waiver is not received on or before the filing deadline of a required Campaign Statement, that Campaign Statement cannot be waived.			
11. Names and Addresses of depositories or intended depositories of committee funds.			
11a. Official Depository: Bank of Ann Arbor 125 S. 5th Ave Ann Arbor MI 48107 Name Street Address City Zip Code			
11b. Secondary Depository: Name Street Address City MI Zip Code			
12. Verification: I certify that all reasonable diligence was used in the preparation of the above Statement, and that the contents are true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Current Treasurer: Peter Schermerhorn Signature: _____ Date: <u>4</u> / <u>16</u> / <u>01</u> Type or Print Name Signature Mo. Day Year			

Green Party of Michigan]

Exhibit C

Bylaws

BYLAWS OF THE GREEN PARTY OF MICHIGAN - As amended May 19 & June 3, 2002 (latest amendments in bold)

Article I - Name and Purpose (Adopted July 20 1997)

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be the Green Party of Michigan.

Section 2: The purposes of this organization are to advance the Ten Key Values of the Greens through non-political and political activities.

Article II - - Membership (Adopted Aug 13, 1999; Amended April 30, 2000)

Section 1: The Green Party of Michigan shall be composed of individual Green members and members organized into locals.

A) To be considered a member of the Green Party of Michigan, all that is required is a signed statement that the person has read and supports either the Four Pillars of the Greens (grassroots democracy, social justice, peace/non-violence, and ecological sustainability) or the Ten Key Values. Unless the person is homeless, they must also provide their mailing address. It should be made clear that membership in the Green Party of MI does not keep you from also being a member of any other political party. The signature pledge is considered valid for 2 years, but it should be solicited every year along with membership dues notices (see below).

B) Membership dues (may be paid in installments):

- Full waiver of dues if (a) person states in writing that they really can not afford it this year or (b) person states in writing that they already contribute much more than this in dollars or time to Green Party efforts in Michigan. - Student or Senior or Low-income or Activist: \$5/year - Regular member: \$20/year - Sustaining member: \$50/year - Lifetime member: \$1,000 Note: Per the Michigan state income tax return provisions of recent years (through 1998 at least), "Allowable miscellaneous subtractions [from taxable income] include: Contributions to national or Michigan political parties or candidates. The maximum deduction is \$50 on a single return and \$100 on a joint return."

C) Voting Rights for GPMI Issues and Nominations; Status as Delegates to National Meetings: If you are a member and have attended one prior GPMI general meeting within the past four quarters, then you have voting rights at a GPMI meeting or any other way that a GPMI issue may be voted upon. Delegates to national conventions must be members with voting rights. Members attending their first GPMI meeting or who have not attended a GPMI meeting in over a year may request voting rights based on significant participation in other Green Party activities that would help make them familiar with (i) the Greens decision-making process and (ii) the current issues being voted upon. This could include, for example, participation in GPMI email discussion lists, attendance at local meetings, and/or participation in other Greens activities such as direct actions, etc. The person designated to certify such individuals who do not otherwise meet criteria for voting membership is the Party Manager.

D) The Green Party of Michigan shall hold quarterly general membership meetings which may also

coincide with conventions.

Section 2: Removal of members (adopted May 19, 2002)

A) Initiating Membership Revocation

i. Members may submit a Petition for Removal to the SCC. A revocation petition summarizing the allegations against the member facing removal and justifying a removal action shall be signed by ten members in good standing representing at least two locals. A petition for removal should begin with the language, "We move to exercise our right of association and disassociate and expel _____ for any and all of the following reasons: We believe that _____ has engaged in behavior inimical to the aims of the GPMI, which may include but is not limited to violations of the Ten Key Values or the Bylaws, or persistent disruption of party activities. Specific reasons for this request include: "

ii. Signatures on petitions shall be dated within six months of the submission date.

iii. The timetable for scheduling and beginning the discussion of the petition shall begin upon receipt of a physical petition. E-mail may be used to expedite and facilitate the proceedings but is not a suitable substitute for a physical document.

B) Distribution and Notification

i. The Secretary/Record Keeper shall ensure that a copy of the petition, including any amendments, and notification of the dates of the removal discussion and vote are sent to each party to the petition at least 15 days before the removal discussion is scheduled to begin. The copy sent to the member facing removal shall be sent via certified mail, personal service, or other method which provides confirmation of receipt.

ii. The Secretary/Record Keeper shall send notice of the outcome of the proceedings to the member facing removal within 2 days after a decision is reached.

C) Preparation for Discussion of petition

i. The SCC shall schedule a discussion and vote on the removal between 15 and 30 days after receiving the petition.

ii. Prior to beginning the removal discussion, the SCC shall make any necessary inquiries of the members submitting the petition to clarify the petition. The results of these inquiries shall be forwarded to the entire SCC.

iii. The results of these inquiries shall be kept as part of the GPMI's permanent records and a copy shall be sent to the member facing removal.

iv. All parties to the petition, the member facing removal and the complainants, shall receive access to the SCC e-mail list for the duration of the discussion of the petition upon individual request. Requests may be made to any SCC member, who shall transmit them to the SCC.

D) Discussion of petition

During the SCC discussion of the petition,

- i. The SCC shall give the member facing removal an opportunity to make a written response via the SCC e-mail list, which may include statements from other members.**
- ii. The SCC will then have 10 days from the beginning of the removal discussion to discuss and vote on the motion.**
- iii. Once discussion is complete, but prior to the final vote, an SCC member may propose limiting action on the petition to a suspension of the subject's membership for six months.**

E) Resolution of petition

Once the discussion is complete:

- i. If a proposal to limit action on the petition to suspension is passed, the SCC shall vote on the question "Shall the GPMI suspend _____ for a period of six months?"**
- ii. If there is no proposal to limit action on the petition to suspension, or if such a proposal is offered and defeated, the SCC shall vote on the question "Shall the GPMI disassociate from _____ by revocation of his/her membership?" An affirmative vote is a vote to remove, with a 3/4 supermajority needed to pass the motion and effect the removal.**
- iii. SCC members who are parties to a removal petition may vote.**
- iv. Prepaid membership dues shall be refunded in full after a vote to revoke membership.**
- v. Half of prepaid membership dues shall be refunded after a vote to suspend membership.**

F) Effects of Suspension and Expulsion

- i. An individual whose membership has been revoked is no longer a member of the GPMI. Individuals conducting GPMI or GPMI local events open to the general public may bar the former member from participating.**
- ii. An individual who has had their membership suspended is still a member of the GPMI, but may not participate in any event or activity restricted to members in good standing and may not cast votes as a GPMI member. They shall not be barred from GPMI events and activities open to the general public.**

G) Normalization of Membership Status

- i. Former members whose membership has been revoked may apply for membership one year after revocation.**
- ii. Suspended members shall have all privileges of membership reinstated after six months.**

H) Appeal

- i. An individual may appeal to an SMM to reverse suspension or the revocation of their**

membership, according to the following procedure:

- ii. The appeal must be made within 6 months of the SCC's decision to revoke membership.**
- iii. The appellant must notify the Meeting Manager of the intent to appeal no less than three weeks before the SMM.**
- iv. The appeal must be made in person and accompanied by a petition signed by 10 members representing at least two locals requesting reversal of the membership revocation or suspension.**
- v. The SMM must allocate at least 15 minutes for discussion of the appeal, and the appeal must be resolved before election of Officers and discussion of Bylaws, Platform, or other proposals.**
- vi. A decision by an SMM to reverse an expulsion or suspension shall be effective immediately.**

Article III - Locals (adopted Feb 10 2001)

Section 1: Three or more members needed to form local

Three or more members of the GPMI may obtain recognition as a GPMI local by satisfying the requirements of Section 2 of this Article.

Section 2: Requirements to form a local

To form a GPMI local, the organizers must submit to the State Central Committee documentation showing that the requirements for locals have been met,

A) Organizing Petition: When organized, each local shall submit to the State Central Committee a petition signed by at least three GPMI members. The petition shall include the statement below:

"We, the undersigned members of the Green Party of Michigan, do unanimously accept the Ten Key Values of the Greens and seek recognition as a Green Party of Michigan local, with the primary purpose of advancing the Green Key Values. We agree to observe and be bound by the bylaws of the Green Party of Michigan and the bylaws of this local."

B) Bylaws: Each local shall submit a current copy of the local's bylaws to the State Central Committee and the Record Keeper.

(The following paragraph C was added at the Nov 2001 SQM)

C) Status of locals: While the State Central Committee (SCC) is considering the documentation submitted by organizers petitioning to form a local, the proposed local shall be considered pending or in process of formation. All such proposed locals shall be listed equally with each other in Green reference information, to the extent possible given information available.

The SCC shall consider all documentation submitted to it promptly and in accordance with these by-laws. After any SCC meeting at which documentation is considered, the SCC, the Locals Liaison, and/or their designated representative(s) shall inform the organizers (and all known providers of Green reference information) whether the proposed local:

Has been recognized.

Can correct or complete the documentation submitted, and so obtain recognition. (In this case, all of the required corrections or completions, and a deadline for their submission in order to be on time for consideration at the next SCC meeting, shall be included in the notice to the organizers.)

Is not recognized - due to problems with the submission, and/or with the organizers' commitment to Green Party values, that are sufficiently apparent and egregious that a consensus of the SCC decides to reject the submission. (To the extent practical, such a rejection shall not be taken to prejudice future applications from the same area or by some of the same organizers, but each submission shall be considered on its own merits.) Such a rejection may be overturned at a duly-scheduled statewide meeting of the party (e.g., a State Quarterly Meeting) - but only by consensus.

Section 3: Local operations requirements

A) All GPMI locals must maintain contact with the Locals Liaison. Specifically, each local must submit, within 7 days, any changes to the following to the Locals Liaison and the Record Keeper: a) Bylaws; b) Points of contact; c) Records of votes taken per Article IV, Section 1t-x

B) SCC delegates: Each local shall elect two delegates who are state party members to serve on the state central committee of GPMI. Two delegates shall also be elected and serve as representatives of all members of GPMI who are not members of any local. These delegates will be responsible for conveying decisions of the local on state party issues, as well as being the conduits for information and coordination between the state organization and their local. The delegates must be active participants in the listserv created for SCC activity.

Section 4: Local Funds

A) Locals who raise and/or spend money shall ensure that all funds are raised and spent in accordance with local, state, and federal laws and GPMI bylaws.

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Section 5: Dissolution of locals

The GPMI State Central Committee may dissolve any local upon consensus of the Committee as in Article VII, or a vote of the membership at a state quarterly meeting as in Article VII. The State Central Committee may recommend dissolution of any local that: a) Consistently fails to comply with these or its own bylaws; b) Raises, spends, or accounts for funds improperly or questionably; c) Acts in a manner that brings discredit to the GPMI; d) Publicly consistently acts in opposition to positions of the GPMI; e) Notifies the Locals Liaison of an intent to dissolve. Voting members of the local in question shall be offered the opportunity to speak in opposition to the dissolution before the State Central Committee, if such dissolution is being considered between state quarterly meetings, or before the membership at a state quarterly meeting if that is where the dissolution is being considered, before the final decision is made. Upon deciding to dissolve a local, the State Central Committee shall mail written notice to all GPMI members who are recorded as voting members of the local.

Article IV - Officers (Adopted May 20 2001)

Section 1: Elected Officers (Modified August 11 2001)

The Green Party of Michigan shall have six elected officers, plus four Representatives to each national party organization with which the GPMI is affiliated. These officers and their responsibilities are:

Section 2: Treasurer:

- A) submits to the State Bureau of Elections annual financial records for party operations according to Michigan Law as outlined in the "Handbook for Political Party Committees";**
- B) ensures Greens stay in compliance with state party filing requirements, including at a minimum filing the Annual Financial Statement to the state and can include reporting requirements for candidates and ballot initiatives supported by the state party;**
- C) disburses funds from State Campaign Finance Committee account and State Central Committee accounts and maintains the account ledgers;**
- D) Works with the Record Keeper and fundraising activists to ensure legally required records are collected with all funds raised (to include name, address, occupation, amount, etc. as outlined in the "Handbook for Political Party Committees";**
- E) Produces and submits, at every state meeting, a simple treasurer's report (report should include major income and expenses as well as other important issues);**
- F) Reconciles check registers with statement from financial institution where party funds are held.**

Section 3: Record Keeper/Secretary:

- A) Collects and maintains records of financial contributions, in a timely manner, for annual and other financial statements according to Michigan law as outlined in the "Handbook for Political Party Committees";**
- B) Maintains archives of all documents submitted to the State;**
- C) maintains archives of monthly bank account statements;**
- D) ensures ledgers are properly reconciled;**
- E) works with Treasurer and fundraising activists to ensure legally required records are collected with all funds raised, as in Section 2d above.**

Section 4: Meeting Manager:

- A) schedules, organize, and publicize state meetings at least one month before meeting date;**
- B) solicits and collects agenda items for party meetings;**
- C) drafts, publishes, and distributes party meeting agendas 10 days before state meetings;**
- D) ensures state meeting minutes are published within 30 days after meeting for approval at next state meeting;**

E) certifies persons who have not yet met requirements for voting membership, i.e., attendance at a quarterly state meeting within the previous four quarters, as voting members based on criteria as stated above in Article II, Section 1c.

Section 5: Committee Manager/Chairperson:

- A) record goals, functions, and activities of committees formed at state meetings;
- B) regularly monitor progress of committee activities;
- C) collect committee reports at each state meeting for publication in state meeting minutes.

Section 6: Locals Liaison:

A) if consensus cannot be reached for endorsements of events, organizations, or causes by the State Central Committee, the Locals Liaison will contact locals about statewide events, organizations, or causes that are to be considered for endorsement, and consensus of a quorum of 2/3 of all valid locals will be sought as under Article VII, Section 1b;

B) deadlines for consideration of endorsements by the locals will be communicated by the Locals Liaison not to be earlier than one week nor later than two weeks from the last local being notified of a vote, and any votes not submitted to the Locals Liaison by that deadline is to be considered an abstention;

C) votes of the locals will be tallied;

D) for purposes of vote taking, the Locals Liaison is required to collect and maintain a list of all valid locals and contacts for statewide vote taking within each valid local;

E) report in writing to the state central committee or to the membership at a state quarterly meeting all matters that have been endorsed by the locals, and the tabular outcome of votes.

Section 7: Clearinghouse Coordinator:

A) sorts mail: - recycles junk mail - opens all other mail - routes mail to proper person(s);

B) responds to any questions, info requests, etc.;

C) records phone messages into a message book;

D) responds to phone messages if possible - - or else lets someone else know that they need to respond (phone them or e-mail);

E) mails out standard 'thank you' letters for new members or for any income;

F) updates phone machine outgoing message as needed;

G) checks e-mail or creates state party e-mail address to use for general state party communication with the public);

H) redesigns database as needed to easily/accurately track membership status, as well as coordinate with the Treasurer and Record Keeper regarding tracking money received from members;

I) updates database regularly - names, addresses, etc.;

J) maintains up to date list of contacts and locals around the state, as obtained from the Locals Liaison, and uses this to refer new inquiries and members to the proper local.

Section 8: National Representatives (Adopted August 11 2001):

A) Each representative will be an active participant on the e-mail work lists of the appropriate national body.

B) Each representative will strive to present the views of GPMI as a whole and/or as decided by voting, position paper, et al, on topics that require GPMI's position to be established by vote within the appropriate national organization.

C) Each representative will strive to attend the national gatherings of the appropriate national organization. If party finances allow it, GPMI will compensate reps for reasonable costs incurred in attending such gatherings, or, pending available cash flow, forward funds for use by reps to attend such gatherings.

D) In the event that only one representative is able to attend said gatherings, each representative will attempt to work with their corresponding partner to the appropriate organization by agreeing to proxy the appropriate number of votes so that Michigan maintains its proper representation in any vote that may be called.

E) Each representative will be responsible for providing detailed report on all activities of the national groups and disseminating them among the membership of GPMI at each SQM or convention. Each rep will also relate critical or time-sensitive information to the appropriate state officer for dissemination to locals or GPMI membership between SQMs as needed.

F) National reps will be chosen by election in the manner of other officer selections.

Section 9: Officer Elections

Officer elections shall be held at the spring state meeting. Any member present at the spring state party meeting may make officer nominations. Nominees shall give brief statements in support of their candidacy. If only one candidate is nominated for an officer position, they must be elected by consensus as outlined in Article VII, Section 1. If more than one candidate is nominated for an officer position, a vote shall be taken by secret ballot. In case of a tie, additional discussion will be held, another secret ballot vote, and this will repeat until a tie is broken. Officer terms begin immediately and shall be one year from election.

Section 10: SCC May Fill Interim Vacancies in Party Leadership

If a GPMI officer or SCC position is vacated for any reason before a completed term, the remaining SCC members shall decide by consensus, or (failing consensus) by 2/3 vote whether to a) have a current SCC member assume the duties of the vacated position; and/or b) make a temporary appointment to the SCC until the next state meeting.

Section 11: Members may initiate removal proceedings against Party Leaders

(revised at Nov 2001 SQM to change 2 members to 10 members of 2 locals)

Any ten GPMI members, representing at least two different locals, may allege that any GPMI officer or National Representative, is in contempt of the goals of the Green Party of Michigan and invoke the procedure in Section 12 of this article to seek removal of those person(s) from their leadership position in the GPMI.

Section 12: Procedure for Addressing Removal Complaints

A). To institute a recall proceeding against a party officer or National Representative, the ten GPMI members must prepare and submit to the SCC a written complaint summarizing the allegations against the persons targeted for removal and justifying the removal.

B). The SCC shall ensure that copies of the complaint are forwarded (or made accessible) to all GPMI members at least 30 days before a meeting where the removal will be scheduled for discussion. If a complaint is initiated and received by the SCC not later than 15 days before a previously scheduled state quarterly meeting the SCC may elect to schedule discussion of the recall at that quarterly meeting or to call a special meeting of all GPMI members for that purpose within 45 days of the date the complaint is filed.

C). At the meeting where the removal is to be discussed, the motion will be handled as follows:

i) complainants will have up to 10 minutes to explain their complaint and make the case for removal without interruption.

ii) the target(s) of the complaint will, collectively, have up to 20 minutes to respond to the complaint and defend their actions without interruption.

iii) the complainants will have up to 5 minutes to restate and summarize their complaint

iv) the targets will have up to 5 minutes to rebut.

D). Once the discussion is complete the GPMI voting members in attendance shall immediately vote on the question "Shall (GPMI party officer or national rep) _____ named in this complaint be removed from office?" An affirmative vote is a vote to remove, with a 3/4 supermajority needed to pass the motion and effect the removal (and with abstentions counting as negative votes). A separate vote will be held for each person targeted in the complaint with the results of each vote entirely separate.

Section 13: Concentration of Positions (Adopted August 11 2001)

A) A list of who holds each position listed in Article IV (Officers), each SCC seat, and each Committee Chair will be presented at each SQM.

B) In the event that a single member holds two or more of the positions listed in A) above (excluding shared Committee Chairs and National Representative posts), all posts they hold, except one of their choice, must be opened to re-election under the applicable rules; the current office holder may participate as normal. In the event that no nominations are made and/or accepted for a post, the member may retain that post without need for an election. This does not alter the regular election schedule for the

affected posts.

Article V - Committees (Adopted April 30 2000)

Section 1: Committee Membership

All committee members other than the State Central Committee are self-selected. The state steering committee, comprised of the elected officers and national representatives of GPMI, is elected as specified in Article IV, section 9.

A) All committees other than the State Central Committee are open to any member of the party. There is no upper limit on the size of committees, but any committee may limit its voting membership for purposes of feasible working size. All standing committees aside from the SCC must maintain at least three active members in order to conduct business.

B) All committees must make written or oral presentation at every statewide membership meeting. Those committees other than the SCC that cannot are to be considered inactive and are disbanded.

C) Standing committees may be formed only at a statewide membership meeting by a vote of 2/3 of the membership. Ad hoc committees may be formed as needed, and do not have the rights or restrictions of standing committees.

D) Committees other than the SCC may be disbanded at a statewide membership meeting by the membership, by a vote of 2/3.

E) Standing committee rules and Chairs are selected in committee, and documentation of such will be forwarded to the Committee Manager.

Section 2: State Central Committees (Subsection G Adopted May 20 2001)

A) The State Central Committee shall be comprised of delegates from each recognized local in GPMI and the two non-local members' delegates, as well as the elected officers and national representatives of GPMI. Method of election of said delegates is at the discretion of the particular local, although locals are strongly urged to balance their delegation by gender, ethnicity, orientation, and/or ability. The SCC will be the authority of the party between state membership meetings, responsible for statewide cooperative actions, changes in policy, issuing press releases and position papers, endorsements of other organizations and their actions, and other similar practices. Delegates must be active participants in state activity. Any delegate failing to participate in two consecutive votes and/or not posting to the listserv for four weeks will cause the Committee Manager to contact the origin local and request that they elect a replacement.

1. Decision-making processes of the SCC:

- a. All proposals (action, endorsement, public statement, etc.) must be submitted to the SCC per Article VII, section 6.
- b. Each proposal will have up to a one week discussion period, followed by up to a one week voting period. These times will be monitored by the committee manager and/or other steering committee members as needed.
- c. The SCC will strive for consensus, but revert to a 2/3 majority margin to pass a proposal.

- d. Each delegate will carry one vote for his/her local. Quorum will be met by 2/3 of the delegates. Voting to abstain will count for quorum but not affect the necessary majority for a non-consensus decision.
- e. Records of voting and proposals will be kept on the party website.

B) The state steering committee (treasurer, recordkeeper, committee manager, meeting manager, clearinghouse coordinator, locals liaison) will be responsible for day-to-day operations of the party and has the authority to make time-sensitive decisions as necessary.

C) The officers of GPMI and National Representatives shall be elected from among the membership of GPMI annually at the spring membership meeting. Officers may hold a delegate post from a local to the SCC as well as an officer position, but may not hold more than one officer position except as directed in Article IV, Section 10.

D) The State Campaign Finance Committee shall administer the financial support of statewide and local candidates on behalf of the state party.

E) The State Campaign Finance Committee shall be comprised of officers as in Article IV, Section 1, but have separate ledgers, bank accounts, and reporting requirements from the state steering committee.

F) The State Federal Campaign Committee shall administer the financial support of federal candidates on behalf of the state party.

G) The state party newsletter shall be paid for by these committees in the following manner: in proportion to that part of the newsletter that discusses federal candidates, the State Federal Campaign Committee shall finance the newsletter; in proportion to that part of the newsletter that discusses statewide or local candidates, the State Campaign Finance Committee shall finance the newsletter in accordance with state and federal law; all other costs associated with the newsletter shall be paid for by the State Central Committee.

H) The SCC shall ensure that, whenever the GPMI passes a motion that creates standing policy or procedure, such decisions are compiled and maintained in a document to be known as the GPMI "Rulebook", along with any other standing or ad hoc committee policies and procedures submitted. The SCC shall also ensure that:

- i) A hardcopy of the most current Rulebook is available for use at every statewide party meeting.
- ii) The Rulebook is readily available to all GPMI members and locals and is maintained in its entirety in at least one generally accessible electronic format (such as flat text, Rich Text Format, or HTML) in addition to any other electronic or non-electronic formats.

Section 3: Platform Committee

The Platform Committee shall coordinate proposed platform positions and submit them for approval as per Article VII. The Platform Committee is required to bring to the general membership all proposed platform positions and may include recommendations to the membership for disposition.

Section 4: Bylaws Committee (Adopted May 20 2001)

A) The Bylaws Committee shall serve as a standing committee to consider proposed changes to the

bylaws of the state party.

B) The Bylaws Committee may make editorial changes to the Bylaws (such as renumbering, reordering, and re-phrasing) as appropriate to improve clarity, accommodate amendments, and maintain readability and consistency throughout, so long as they do not alter the content, meaning, or effect of the Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee shall submit all proposed editorial changes to the SCC. If the SCC decides that any specific change does alter the content, meaning, or effect of the Bylaws, the SCC shall notify the Bylaws Committee within 30 days and the change shall not be made except through the normal amendment process.

C) The Bylaws Committee shall ensure that a paper copy of the most current version of the Bylaws is available for use at every statewide party meeting.

D) The Bylaws Committee shall forward official copies of each revised version of the Bylaws to the Record Keeper and the Media Committee, and shall ensure that the full text of the Bylaws is readily available to all GPMI members and locals in at least one generally-accessible electronic format (such as flat text, Rich Text Format, or HTML), in addition to any other electronic or non-electronic formats.

Section 5: The state party may remove any committee members at its discretion by decision of the SCC or at a state quarterly meeting by a 2/3 vote of the majority.

Article VI - Candidates and Officeholders (Adopted August 11 2001)

Section 1: Nomination of candidates for President, U.S. Senate, and Michigan statewide offices.

A) The Green Party of Michigan may nominate candidates for President, U.S. Senate and statewide office at a statewide convention on or before the Tuesday following the first Monday of August in election years, in accordance with state law.

Section 2: Reserved for rights and responsibilities of persons nominated or elected to public office as candidates of the Green Party of Michigan.

Section 3: Nomination of candidates for U.S. House of Representatives, State Legislature, County, City and Township offices

A) The Green Party of Michigan may nominate candidates for U.S. House of Representatives, State Legislature, County, City and Township offices at district and county caucuses as required by state law. Such caucuses shall be open to any and all Green Party of Michigan members as defined in Article II of these Bylaws that live in the district or county for which the caucus is called.

B) One or more Green Party Local(s) operating under Article III of these Bylaws and formally recognized by the Green Party of Michigan may request and obtain permission from the Green Party of Michigan at any statewide membership meeting to convene a county and district caucus for the purpose of nominating candidates for state legislative, county, city and township offices as provided by state law. Such request shall be made at a statewide membership meeting no earlier than 190 and no later than 110 days before the statewide convention held in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of these Bylaws and Section 3A above..

C) The State Central Committee may convene county and district caucuses for districts and counties in which no Local has requested permission under Article VI, Section 3, Subsection A) of these Bylaws. In

the case of nominations for general election candidates, the SCC will request and obtain permission to convene such a caucus from the Green Party of Michigan at a statewide membership meeting no earlier than 190 and no later than 110 days before the statewide convention held in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of these Bylaws. The SCC may convene such caucuses to nominate candidates for special elections without obtaining permission from a statewide meeting if there is full consensus on the committee.

D) Caucuses held under this section shall be convened no earlier than 60 days before and no later than 15 days before the statewide convention held in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 of these Bylaws.

E) The body convening a caucus under this section shall notify, by U.S. mail or E-mail, all Green Party of Michigan members eligible to participate in the caucus of the time and place at least 14 days prior to the beginning of the caucus.

F) [June 2002: removed this provision regarding nomination of "Top of the Party Column" candidate as a result of newly revised state ballot retention law (MCL Section 168.685) that changes the definition of "principal candidate" from "the candidate whose name appears nearest the top of the party column" to "the candidate who receives the greatest number of votes of all candidates of that political party for that election."]

Section 4: The State Central Committee may convene a special district or county caucus to nominate candidates for special elections. The State Central Committee shall notify, by U.S. mail or E-mail, all Green Party of Michigan members eligible to participate in the caucus, of the time and place at least 14 days prior to the beginning of the caucus.

Article VII - Decision Making of the Green Party of Michigan (Adopted April 30 2000)

Section 1: Decisions of the Green Party of Michigan shall be made through either: a) a consensus of individual Green Party members attending a quarterly state meeting or if a consensus cannot be reached, 67% (2/3) vote of members present; or b) a vote of the State Central Committee.

Section 2: Decisions include matters of state party business, amendments to these bylaws, and additions and amendments to the platform of the Green Party of Michigan.

Section 3: Proposals may be made by any member of the party as an individual, as a representative of a local, or as a committee member.

Section 4: Proposals may be suggested at a local or in committee and forwarded to the state party at a state quarterly meeting through a representative of the local.

Section 5: Proposals may be submitted to the state party at a state quarterly meeting in writing by someone not able to attend with a "yes" or "no" vote only, with no amendments.

Section 6: Proposals to the State Central Committee must be submitted through a GPMI member's delegate(s). Delegates are obligated to forward any proposal presented to them.

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**Mr. Michael Marinelli
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Mr. Marinelli

This letter confirms that the Green Party of Michigan is an affiliate of the Green Party of the United States, and that we support the Green Party of Michigan's request for recognition as a state committee of the Green Party.

Sincerely,

**Dean Myerson
Green Party Political Coordinator**

"GROWING THE GREEN PARTY IN METRO DETROIT!"

September 6, 2001

Federal Elections Commission
Washington DC

To Whom It May Concern

Let it be known that I was a candidate for US Congress, nominated by the Green Party of Michigan, in 2000.

I fully support the Green Party of Michigan's intention to file for formal recognition with the Federal Elections Commission.

My FEC ID number was C00360339.

Respectfully,

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